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Reagan's Hill Liaison Team

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Laurence Silberman isn't running the CIA transition team anymore, having been replaced by former secretary of the Navy J. William Middendorf II. But Silberman, former ambassador to Yugoslavia and deputy attorney general, cautioned against reading too much into this turn of events — a broken foot, suffered in a fall down the stairs of his San Francisco home, is one reason he switched to a role as senior adviser to the transition team, he says. Silberman allowed that the old job was loaded with "complexities" that he declined to detail, however. He had no comment on a report that he left the CIA after he was barred from a Stansfield Turner briefing for Reagan.